Shelterless people in major cities

501. PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of shelterless people in Delhi, Calcutta, Bombay, Madras, Hyderabad, Bangalore and Ahmedabad; and

(b) what steps have been taken to provide shelter to these people?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) According to the 1981 census data the number of shelterless people in cities are as follows:

1. Delhi	..	26772
2. Calcutta	..	48440
3. Bombay	..	50185
4. Madras	..	7525
5. Hyderabad	..	6640
6. Bangalore	..	12405
7. Ahmedabad	..	2970

(b) Housing is a State subject and all Social Housing Schemes are implemented by State Governments/ Union Territory Administrations according to their local needs and plan priorities. Central financial assistance is given to States/U.Ts as block grants and block loans without being tied to any particular head of development. However at the National level several steps have been taken to meet the demand for housing. Some of them are as follows:—

(i) The Public Sector outlay for housing has been raised from Rs. 1490.87 crores in the Sixth Five Year Plan to Rs. 2458.21 crores in the Seventh Five Year Plan.

(ii) The norms for income eligibility, ceiling cost of construction and extent of Govt. loan assistance for various social Housing Schemes have been enhanced.

(iii) To provide easy accessibility to housing finance, National Housing Bank is being set up.

(iv) HUDCO has so far sanctioned 358 special IYSH projects for providing shelter and basic sanitation facilities to over 21 lakh persons.

(v) Several fiscal incentives are also given to encourage house construction activity.

(vi) The draft National Housing Policy emphasises the need to give priority to the needs of the shelterless.

Target for Steel Production

502. PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) what was the target of steel production till the end of financial year 1987-88;

(b) what is the current level of steel production in the country;

(c) what is the short-fall, if any, in the attainment of the targetted steel production; and

(d) what steps would be taken by Government to achieve the target in the next two years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF STEEL IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) The target of saleable steel production in SAIL Integrated Steel Plants for 1987-88 is 7.235 MT.

(b) and (c) The production of saleable steel in the SAIL Integrated Steel Plants, for the period April '87—January '88 is as under:

Target	:	5.967 MT
Actual	:	5.290 MT
Shortfall	:	11 per cent.

(d) Steps being taken to ensure that the targets are achieved:

(1) More systematic maintenance of equipments;

(2) Stricter adherence to technological norms;

(3) Moulding a better work culture which focusses primarily on better team work and higher levels of discipline;

(4) Signing of Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Government & SAIL and drawing up of Annual Performance Plans with Plants and communicating the spirit and relevance of MOU to a large cross section of executives, thereby committing them to higher levels of productivity;

(5) Ensuring adequate availability of inputs of right quality and in the required quantity including import of low ash coking coal;

(6) Greater R&D efforts for improving productivity and efficiency; and

(7) Modernisation and technological upgradation.

Autonomy to All India Radio and Doordarshan

503. PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to grant autonomy to All India Radio and Doordarshan in view of the recommendations of the Sarkaria Commission; and

(b) whether Government propose to take necessary steps to grant autonomy not only in view of the recommendations made by Sarkaria Commission but also by Chanda and Joshi committees?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT): (a) and (b) The recommendations of the Sarkaria Commission are under examination. The recommendations made by the Chanda Committee and the Joshi Committee were carefully considered and it was decided not to convert All India Radio and Doordarshan into autonomous Corporations since both the media already enjoy freedom and functional autonomy in all professional aspects.

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Foodgrains Production Target

505. PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) what was the target of foodgrains production till the end of 1987-88 as per Seventh Five Year Plan;

(b) what is the present state of foodgrains production in the country;

(c) what is the short fall, if any, in the attainment of target of foodgrains production; and

(d) what specific steps are proposed to be taken to achieve the target?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): (a) to (c) Table below indicates the production levels of foodgrains during the